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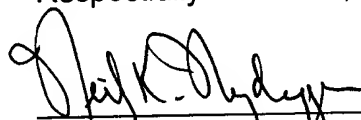
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DATED this 18th day of August, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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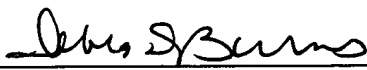
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 22, 2003, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows: